

1 a deep conflict of interest. As a member of the Maryland  
2 Legislature, I came down here very deeply interested in  
3 strengthening that legislature, and I came down and I saw  
4 us here strengthening the judiciary, and it should have  
5 been strengthened, and strengthened the executive, and  
6 it should be strengthened; it should be strengthened the  
7 way we are strengthening it, but I found us not strengthening  
8 the legislature, but weakening its functions.

9 We have at present the most restrictive rules  
10 in our Constitution on the budget of any State in these  
11 United States, any of the 50, the most restrictive, and we  
12 have just increased the restrictions on the budget by  
13 tightening up the capital budget so that there is no room  
14 for the legislature to move around to be creative, to do  
15 what needs to be done.

16 I believe that it is improper for us to do this  
17 to our legislature. I believe that the legislature should  
18 be a co-equal of government: that it must be allowed  
19 to spend some money, money that has not been directed by  
20 the Governor. It must be allowed to create instead of to  
21 cut down, and that, my friends, is what we now do, and what